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Transboundary Environmental Issues Field Course

EVST 542.01

EVDS 6xx

3:10-4:30 pm M and all day 10/11-10/17

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Purpose: The purpose of this course is to give students a transboundary planning, policy and ecology experience. Students will study the Crown of the Continent region spanning the Canadian/United States border. The course will review the political systems and administrative systems of each country relevant to natural resource policy decision-making as well as the ecological systems in which they occur. Students will have the opportunity to meet and interact with stakeholders in the issue, review pertinent literature and work as a group, dividing up tasks to produce an integrated assessment of use to the Crown Managers Partnership on both sides of the border.

Project Issue: The Crown Managers Partnership wishes to update the State of the Crown of the Continent report. Students will select a portion of the report to update and do so with current research. The old report is available on ERES for the course.

Texts:

ERES- EVST 542 (password gateway)

Tentative Schedule

Aug 25- Organizational meeting: introduce course, readings and project concept. Canada and US administrative and legislative systems relevant to the project. Read ERES: Dyck Chap 7 and Tindal Chap 6 & 7

Sept 1 – No class- Labor Day Holiday

Sept 3- makeup for 9/8 3-4:30 Montana/Alberta governmental/administrative systems and the Crown Managers Partnership- review www.mt.gov particularly Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks and <http://alberta.ca/home/government.cfm> particularly the Ministries of Environment, Sustainable Resource Development and Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Sept 8 No class CMP meeting

Sept 15- Richard Paisley- Regional planning in Canada and the US- Advanced Natural Resource Conflict Resolution 1pm-4 pm place TBA

Sept 22 –Ecological Health- current concepts

Sept 23 Public Land Law Conference- **10:15am-12 noon UC Center 3rd Floor:** The Whole Landscape- Managing Beyond Traditional Boundaries

Sept 29 – State of the Crown of the Continent and the Alberta Draft Land Use Framework- read both on ERES

Oct 6- Trip prep

Oct 11 leave Msla at 4 pm

Oct 17 Return Missoula by 12:00 midnight

Oct 20 No class

Oct 27 Project review- take care of loose ends

The remainder of the course will be determined based on project needs and student interests

Nov. 10 Final Projects due

Trip Outline (tentative)

Oct 11- leave Missoula on 10/11 at 4 pm and drive to Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch outside Dupuyer, MT

Oct 12 & 13- visit with MTFWP, Blackfeet, local ranchers, Glacier NP and The Nature Conservancy and stay at TRMR each night

Oct 14- 17 travel to Waterton, AB and stay at the Bear Mountain Motel Oct 14-16. Meet with Waterton Lakes NP, Alberta agencies, Nature Conservancy Canada and others.

Oct 17 leave Canada and return to Missoula by 12 midnight

Journals

Students will complete a journal with entries reflecting issues raised in the meetings with speakers and discussions between class members. Journals will also chronicle the student's evolving conception of the problem and context of the issues and stakeholders. Students should identify emerging issues, interests and alternatives in their journals.

Grading

Students will be graded based on participation in discussions and meetings (30%), journals (20%), and the final paper (50%).